IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TADASHI HAYASHI, ET AL.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and in response to the final Office Action dated April 18, 2008, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: